MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM: May I know whether copies of the Press note are available to the members of the House?

MR. K. J. CHERIYAN (*Ag. Financial Secretary to Government*): Yes, Sir,

MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM: Have such copies been sent to the members of the House?

MR. K. J. CHERIYAN: No. Sir.

MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM: On a point of order, Sir. The answer says—

"The member is referred to the recent Press Note dated 22nd February 1938....."

But, we have not been furnished with the copies of the Press Note.

PRESIDENT: The answer is irregular; it ought to have been followed with the sentence "Such Press Note is placed on the table.". Such mistakes will not recur in future.

Pay-ward attached to the Quilon District Hospital.

347. *MR. S. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Quilon* cum *Kottarakara*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there is a pay-ward attached to the Quilon District Hospital; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the negative, whether they have taken any steps to supply the need for a pay-ward?

MR. R. KRISHNASWAMI RAO: (*a*) No.

(*b*) This will be considered when the question of reorganisation of hospitals is taken up.

MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN: When will the reorganisation be made?

MR. R. KRISHNASWAMI RAO: A general reorganisation is under consideration but it will be of interest to the honourable members to know that, arrangements have been made for the shifting of the out-patient ward of the Victoria Hospital to the neighbouring Bank Building, so that the place now occupied by the out-patient ward will be converted into pay-ward.

MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN: May I know whether the reorganisation referred to in part (*b*) of the answer relates to a general reorganisation of all the hospitals in the State or of this Quilon hospital alone?

MR. R. KRISHNASWAMI RAO: A general reorganisation of all the hospitals in the State is under consideration; the reorganisation of this Quilon hospital has already been taken up.

Medical examination of persons appointed to the Government Service.

348. *MR. A. THANU PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether medical examination is conducted in the case of all persons appointed to the Government service; and

(*b*) whether any such examination was conducted in the case of late Mr. T. S. Narayana Aiyar, High Court Judge, before he was entertained in Travancore service, if so, who conducted the examination?

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MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI: (*a*) Yes; in the case of those who are appointed to the State Service under the General Rules.

(*b*) No; his appointment was under a special covenent.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: Even in cases of appointments under special covenents, is not the health of the person appointed an important consideration?

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI. It is; but regular medical examination is not insisted upon in the case of appointments under special covenents.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: At the time this officer was appointed were the Government satisfied that he was in enjoyment of good health?

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI: Yes.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: Are the Government aware that, in the Reference in the High Court on the death of this particular Judge, the Honourable the Chief Justice stated that this Mr. Narayana Iyer was not, because of his ill-health, able to do his work, rather to put forth his best?

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI: Sir, ill-health is a contingency which no one can foresee.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: Since Mr. Narayana Iyer was in office here only for a short period, is it not clear that the Chief Justice, in his speech at the Reference, referred to the entire period for which Mr. Narayana Iyer was in office here?

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI: Government are not aware of any such statement by the Chief Justice, and do not consider that the alleged statement relates to the entire period for which Mr. Narayana Iyer was judge here.

Heads of Departments.

349. *MR. THARIATHU KUNJITHOMMEN: Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement, by caste, of officers who have been appointed as Heads of Departments during the last 3 years ending 1st Mithunam 1113?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: A statement is laid on the table.

MR. THARIATHU KUNJITHOMMEN: ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറ് അദ്ധ്യക്ഷന്മാരായി ഈ കഴിഞ്ഞ മൂന്ന വർഷത്തിനിടക്ക് ൪ൻ പേരെ നിയമിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ട് എന്ന കാണുന്നു. അതിൽ പ്രിൻസിപ്പൽ പോർട്ടാഫീസർ മി. ചാണ്ടി എന്നൊരു പേരു കാണുന്നു. ഈ മി. ചാണ്ടിതന്നെയാണോ ഇന്നലെ സിക്രട്ടേറിയേറ്റിലെ അൻപത്തൊന്നുദ്യോഗസ്ഥന്മാരുടെ ലിസ്റ്റിൽ ഉൾപ്പെട്ടത്തി പറഞ്ഞത്?

PRESIDENT: The honourable member who knows the answer thoroughly is not expected to put a question in order to elicit an answer known more fully to the questioner than to the officer who is to answer.

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